

## CLAIMS

I claim:

1. In a disposable razor or razor cartridge comprising at least one blade mounted in a head or frame, said blade having a shaving edge, the improvement comprising letters or other indicia provided on the frame or head in close proximity to the shaving edge of the blade, each of said letters or other indicia being covered with a mass of material, said material gradually wearing away as the disposable razor or cartridge is used in shaving to expose said letters or other indicia.

2. The razor or cartridge of claim 1, wherein said frame or head is of a first color, and said material is of a second color contrasting with said first color.

3. The disposable razor or razor cartridge of claim 1, wherein the amount of material wearing away is correlated with the amount of wear on the shaving edge so as to provide a visual indication of the relative wear on the blade.

4. The disposable razor or razor cartridge of claim 1, wherein the letters or other indicia comprise raised protrusions formed on the head or frame.

5. The disposable razor or razor cartridge of claim 1, wherein the letters or other indicia comprise depressions formed in the head or frame.

6. In a disposable razor or razor cartridge comprising at least one blade mounted in a head or frame, said blade having a shaving edge, the improvement comprising wear indicating means for indicating the amount of wear on the shaving edge, said means being located on the head or frame in close proximity to the shaving edge of said blade, and said wear indicating means comprising a strip of material extending generally parallel to the shaving edge and gradually wearing away as the disposable razor or cartridge is used in shaving, said strip of material comprising a first substantially wedge-shaped layer affixed to the frame or head, a second layer of substantially uniform cross-section affixed atop said first layer, said second layer having an edge at the thicker end of said first layer, and a third wedge-shaped layer affixed atop said second layer and facing opposite said first layer, so that as said layers of material are gradually worn away during shaving, increasingly more of said first layer is uncovered, and said edge of said second layer appears to move across the strip beginning at the thicker end of the first layer and moving toward the thinner end of said first layer, thereby providing a visual indication of the relative wear on the blade.

7. The razor or cartridge of claim 6, wherein said second layer is of a color contrasting with the color or colors of the first and third layers.

8. The razor or cartridge of claim 7, wherein the frame or head is provided with markers spaced along said strip of material, said markers cooperating with said strip of material to provide a visual indication of the relative wear on the blade as increasingly more of the strip is worn away.

9. In a disposable razor or razor cartridge comprising at least one blade mounted in a head or frame, said blade having a shaving edge, the improvement comprising wear indicating means for indicating the amount of wear on the shaving edge, said wear indicating means being located on the head or frame in close proximity to the shaving edge of said blade, and said wear indicating means comprising a strip of material extending generally parallel to the shaving edge and gradually wearing away as the disposable razor or cartridge is used in shaving, said strip of material comprising a first substantially wedge-shaped layer affixed to the frame or head, and a second oppositely facing wedge-shaped layer affixed atop said first layer, so that as said second layer of material gradually wears away during shaving, increasingly more of the first layer is revealed, thereby providing a visual indication of the relative wear on the blade.

10. The razor or cartridge of claim 9, wherein said first layer is of a first color, and said second layer is of a color contrasting with said first color.

11. The razor or cartridge of claim 9, wherein the frame or head is provided with markers spaced along said strip of material, said markers cooperating with said strip of material to provide a visual indication of the relative wear on the blade as increasingly more of the first layer is worn away.

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